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SUBJ: NO CHANGE IN YUGOSLAV STATUS VIS-A-VIS COMECON

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1. EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH YUGOSLAV AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES CONVINCES US THAT CHANGE IN YUGOSLAV STATUS VIS-A-VIS COMECON HINTED BY SOVIET PRESS (SEE MOSCOW 11917) VERY UNLIKELY.

2. ASKED ABOUT PRAVDA REPORT THAT NIKOLA TESLA COMMUNICATIONS PLANT DIRECTOR TOLD KOSYGIN HIS PLANT SPECIALIZES WITHIN COMECON FRAMEWORK, FILIP MARJANOVIC, ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, YUGOSLAV FEDERAL

ECONOMIC CHAMBER, LAUGHED AND COMMENTED "HE WAS JUST PLAYING UP TO A BIG CUSTOMER ... AND HE BADLY NEEDS CUSTOMERS." MARJANOVIC ADDED THAT NIKOLA TESLA HAS LOST OUT TO YUGOSLAV COMPETITORS SUCH AS "ISKRA" IN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WITH WESTERN FIRMS, AND HAS ALSO LOST PART OF ITS DOMESTIC MARKET FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. ENTERPRISE THEREFORE APPRECIATES ORDERS RECEIVED THROUGH LEADS DEVELOPED AT COMECON-ELECTRONIC COMMITTEE SESSIONS. CONTRACTS, PRINCIPALLY FROM USSR, ARE ON BILATERAL BASIS AND FOR ONE YEAR PERIOD ONLY, WITHIN REGULAR SOVIET-YUGOSLAV EXCHANGE OF COMMODITY LISTS.

3. COMMENT. TESLA DIRECTOR COMMENT: YUGOSLAV DISCUSSIONS WITH COMECON IN FIELDS OF BANKING, CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND PLANNING, AND PROBABLE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL, SMALL SOVIET CREDIT (SEE SEPARATE AIRGRAM) ARE INDICATIONS OF CONTINUES YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN UTILIZING "THE EASTERN CONNECTION" TO MAXIMUM EXTENT BENEFICIAL TO YUGOSLAV DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THEY DO NOT, HOWEVER, CONSTITUTE INDICATIONS OF A MOVE TO NEW STATUS VIS-A-VIS COMECON, OR INTEGRATIONS OF YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES INTO COMECON ROLES.
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